Documentary on river valley development in NE States

†1720. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of documentary proposal on river-valley development in North-Eastern States received during the last five years alongwith the action taken thereon;

(b) the proposals approved and turn-down out of these and the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for keeping the development work related proposals under consideration for a long time and then not refunding the required fee after their disapproval; and

(d) the action to be taken to refund the fee of the justifiably turn-down proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Number of documentary proposals on Rivery Valley Development received in North Eastern States during the last five years are as follows:

Total Number of proposals received

1. Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati	=	50
2. Programme Production Centre, Guwahati	=	2

(b) (i) Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati approved only 15 proposals out of 50 proposals. The evaluation committee turned down the rest 35 proposals, as they were not found suitable for production.

(ii) Programme Production Centre, Guwahati received only two proposals and both were approved.

(c) No proposal is kept pending for consideration, Sir. Since, processing fee is non refundable, question of refund does not arise.

(d) Does not airse in view of reply to (c) above.

Educational channels on FM stations in hilly and remote areas

1721. SHRI T.T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to start educational channels on FM stations in hilly and remote areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) All India Radio does not have any plan to start exclusive FM Channels for educating students in the hilly and remote areas of the country. However, Government has signed an agreement with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for operationalisation of FM stations for educational broadcast at 40 places, the details of which have been indicated in Statement I. (*See* below) Out of this, 26 are presently operational and in 3 places *viz.* Jamnagar, Ludhiana and Bhubaneshwar, IGNOU has decided not to set up FM stations. In addition, the Govt. has also agreed for setting up of FM stations for educational broadcasts by IGNOU at 15 more places as per details given in Statement-II (*See* below).

The FM stations set up by IGNOU are called Gyan Vani, a "Radio Co-operative" devoted exclusively to education and community development. These inter-active participatory educational stations are aimed at great empowerment of the people particularly the disadvantaged sections of the Society located in the remote and distant areas of the country. The programmes include information relevant to students of pre-primary, primary, secondary and higehr secondary, as well as enrichment programmes to build environmental awareness, women's empowerment, legal literacy, professional education and science education.

Statement-I

Details of FM stations for Educational Broadcast

Sl. No.	State	Place	Date of Operationalisation	Operational/Non-operational
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	16.09.06	Yes
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	22.04.02	Yes
3.	Assam	Guwahati	07.02.05	Yes
4.	Bihar	Patna	04.06.06	Yes
5.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	06.01.05	Yes
6.	Delhi	Delhi	26.01.04	Yes
7.	Goa	Panaji	04.06.06	Yes
8.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	25.06.06	Yes
9.	Gujarat	Rajkot	16.01.05	Yes
10.	Gujarat	Jamnagar**	**	No
11.	J&K	Srinagar*	—	No
12.	Karnataka	Bangalore	11.07.01	Yes
13.	Karnataka	Mysore	19.12.04	Yes
14..	Kerala	Cochin*	—	No
15.	Kerala	Trivandrum*	—	No
16.	.Madhya Pradesh	Indore	22.06.06	Yes
17.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	13.09.02	Yes
18.	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	10.01.05	Yes
19.	Maharashtra	Mumbai	29.04.02	Yes
20.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	09.11.06	Yes
21.	Maharashtra	Nagpur	22.10.06	Yes
22.	Maharashtra	Pune*	—	No
23.	Meghalaya	Shillong	01.03.05	Yes
24.	Orissa	Cuttack*	—	No
25.	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar**	**	No
26.	Punjab	Chandigarh*	—	No
27.	Punjab	Jallandhar*	—	No
28.	Punjab	Ludhiana**	**	No
29.	Rajasthan	Laipur	04.06.06	Yes
30.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	20.06.03	Yes

1	2	3	4	5
31.	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore	14.01.02	Yes
32.	Tamil Nadu	Madurai*	—	No
33.	Tamil Nadu	Trichy*	—	No
34.	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli*	—	No
35.	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	22.05.02	Yes
36.	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad	11.07.01	Yes
37.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur	22.06.06	Yes
38.	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi	19.12.04	Yes
39.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra*	—	No
40.	West Bengal	Kolkata	07.01.03	Yes

**Note: IGNOU has decided not to setup station at these places.

*Note: Stations at these places likely to be operationalised by June, 2008.

Statement-II

Details of places for Setting up of FM stations for Educational Broadcast

Sl. No.	State	Cities
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	Port Blair
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
3.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
5.	Jharkhand	Ranchi
6.	Madhya Pradesh	Rewa
7.	Manipur	Imphal
8.	Mizoram	Aizwal
9.	Nagaland	Kohima
10.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry
11.	Punjab	Amritsar
12.	Rajasthan	Ajmer
13.	Rajasthan	Jodhpur
14.	Sikkim	Gangtok
15.	Tripura	Agartala

Newspapers empanelled with DAVP

1722. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the language-wise details of newspapers which are empanelled with Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP);